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Religion

More companies letting God handle business

HOUSTON (AP) — In the bay of an auto repair shop in northeast Houston, employees gather in a circle for a regular business meeting. They hold hands. They bow their heads. Owner Bob Johnson waits for the Spirit to lead.

"Lord, we love you and thank you for this day that you graciously provided us," Johnson says. He prays for his company and his workers and offers praise to God for another working day at Z Place of Texas.

While prayer may seem a fitting response to the economic plagues that have descended on many companies, thousands of entrepreneurs regularly mix religion with their business. And indications are that the number may be on the rise.

The Fellowship of Companies for Christ International, an Atlanta trade group, has increased its membership 33 percent this year to 835 from 630 last year, said Ray Miller, the group's president. Most

of the members are born-again Christians who are chief executive officers of private companies.

In the past five years, about 10 similar groups have sprung up nationwide to help people incorporate their religious principles in their business lives, Miller said.

Religious business owners — primarily Christian, but not always — talk about striving to bring honesty, integrity and fair dealings to all their business affairs. Many talk about the Golden Rule, about treating customers, suppliers and employees the same way that they would like to be treated. Others talk of sometimes forgiving debts rather than taking deadbeats to court.

One businessman, E.J. Ashford stamps the name and address of his company on biblical devotional booklets that he distributes to business associates. He also pays his employees to attend group prayer sessions at 7:30 a.m. every day at the office.

Women expand role beyond bounds

By GEORGE W. CORNELL
AP Religion Writer

New tremors are rippling through Southern Baptist institutional life with the abrupt departure of a longtime, embattled professor and a shift toward more independent policies by a key organization of women.

Both developments stemmed from deepening polarization in the 15.5 million-member denomination, now under control of an administration that insists on fundamentalist views of the Bible. It's the country's biggest Protestant denomination.

At a meeting this week in Talladega, Ala., the executive board of a big auxiliary, the Women's Missionary Union, asserted it was widening its work beyond the denomination's mission agencies to include others outside it.

This opens the door to working also with a separately organized wing of Southern Baptist moderates, the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, although not directly promoting its missions offerings.

The WMU board said it would continue promoting offerings to the denomination's official home and foreign missions, generally totaling about \$120 million annually, about half their budgets.

But the women's group also affirmed the right "to choose other plans for cooperative missions giving," and promised to "provide prayer support and produce resources" for other Southern Baptist groups such as the CBF.

In Nashville, Tenn., the Southern Baptist chief executive, the Rev. Morris Chapman, said he was saddened by WMU action, adding that the auxiliary "apparently has chosen a course apart" from its exclusive denominational relationship.

"We have no choice but to relate to their choice," he said.

Last November, he had said that the denomination might form another women's group if the WMU supported the fellowship. The 105-year-old WMU is governed by an autonomous board and has about 1.2 million members.

Dellana O'Brien, WMU executive director, said its action was not influenced by any fear of reprisal, but only by the organization's longstanding commitment to missions.

"We fear no one but God," she said to loud applause from board members, reported Associated Baptist Press. "We cannot be fearful. We have to be faithful and God will protect us."

Adding to the tensions was the fact that the Rev. Keith Parks, longtime, widely respected president of the denomination's official foreign mission board recently left that post.

He charged that board trustees sought to impose theological conformity on overseas missions.

The women's organization, in adopting a study report on new directions, affirmed principles that in part seemed an indirect slap at some of the denomination's stiffened requirements about the Bible.

Affirming the "priesthood of the believer," the WMU said: "Inherent in this belief is ... freedom of personal interpretation of the Scriptures, as led by the Holy Spirit."

At the denomination's flagship Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., a prolonged campaign by trustees to oust the Rev. Paul Simmons ended with his unexpected decision to take early retirement.

This meant the seminary will be spared the "heresy hearings" that trustees were expected to hold soon in an effort to get rid of Simmons, a 24-year veteran whom they called a liberal.

Simmons, 56, a tenured professor of Christian ethics, had been under fire from trustees for several years, in part because of his support for abortion rights. Several other professors have left under pressure.

Trustees, at a meeting last month in Atlanta, considered but rejected a proposal to buy out Simmons' contract by paying him \$362,714. That left the likelihood of a heresy trial as the only possible means for firing him.

But this was circumvented by his surprise announcement last week that he was stepping down. His action came amid new controversy about his showing a film about sexuality and rehabilitation of people with spinal cord injuries.

Simmons said the "political nature" of objections to the film was the final straw in his decision to leave.

Library of Congress borrows materials

By CARL HARTMAN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Library of Congress, which has more than 15 million books of its own, is borrowing a few from the Vatican Library in Rome — including a 470-year-old volume of love letters from King Henry VIII of England.

Why would the Vatican Library keep love letters of the much-married monarch?

"They're a living expression of the human spirit," said the Rev. Leonard E. Boyle, Vatican Library prefect. "Actually the letters are rather touching if you read them with a certain amount of objectivity."

They are the originals of 17 notes from Henry to Anne Boleyn, later his second queen. They belong to a loan exhibition called "Rome Reborn" that opens Saturday just off the Library of Congress' century-old Great Hall. The occasion marks the hall's reopening after three years of restoration.

The volume of letters lies open at one that Henry apparently dictated to a secretary. At the end, the king added a coy signature in his own hand: "Henry" — then a tiny drawing of a heart — "no longer searching."

In her recent book "The Wives of Henry VIII," biographer Antonia Fraser quotes some of the warmer letters. In one, Henry professes "great agony" and pleads for Anne to give herself "body and heart to me." She seems to have done so and became pregnant before they were married, Ms. Fraser says.

Boyle said at a news conference that the letters must have been stolen and then sent on to the Vatican. Fraser suggests that a "freelance papal spy" may have stolen them. They were taken a second time by Napoleon when he occupied Rome, but later were returned to the Vatican.

The 200-odd items, many of them never shown before, come from what the Library of Congress calls the richest collection of Western manuscripts in the world.

One is the astronomer Galileo's first tracing of sunspots. Visitors can see the hole through which he seems to have pinned it to the lens. Others include the first illustration of what a biologist saw when he looked at an insect through a microscope, and the first star map using Western scientific principles produced in China.

Visitors to the Vatican Library never see these exhibits unless they need them for research, Boyle said.

"This is the best view of the library I've ever had," he said. "I've never seen these maps unrolled, for instance."

Visitors to the newly refurbished exhibit rooms at the Library of Congress will pass through the multi-storied Great Hall, which took seven years to build in the 1890s. It was decorated by nearly 50 sculptors and painters.

More than 100 fragile mural paintings have been cleaned and restored, along with more than two acres of wood, tile and marble.

After the exhibit closes April 30, only escorted tours will be admitted to the Great Hall.

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- Govt. farm agency
- Assumed name
- A continent (abbr.)
- Cry of surprise
- Boring tool
- Ungentlemanly one
- Myself
- An Osmond
- Charity box
- Commanded
- Thorny bush
- In the same place (abbr.)
- Cloth ridge
- Painter of ballerinas

DOWN

- One of the reindeer
- Taro root
- Mountain on Crete
- Palm lily
- Longed (for)
- Every 24 hours
- Relating to a time
- That thing's
- Yes, in Spanish
- Threaten
- Politician
- Mario
- Detection device
- Singer Jenny
- Actress Day
- Sobbed
- Prohibit
- French city
- Toe, perhaps
- Exposes
- Wild duck
- Minimize
- Spookily
- Cans
- Delaware
- Indian
- Irish poet
- Stir up
- Leaves
- Burden
- Mrs. in Madrid
- Neighbor of Fr.
- One (Scot.)
- Greek letter

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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WALNUT COVE

By Mark Cullum

Are you still going out with Sandra, Joey? Yeah.

She has such a sharp mind...such a hunger for intellectual stuff...

I find that very exciting.

What do you talk about? Not much. She usually brings along something to read.

ARLO & JANIS

By Jimmy Johnson

TASTE THIS! IT TASTES LIKE CHICKEN! NO!

COME ON! IT TASTES LIKE CHICKEN! GET AWAY WITH THAT STUFF!

IT TASTES JUST LIKE CHICKEN! NOT TILL I KNOW WHAT IT IS!

IT'S CHICKEN!

ECK & MEEK

By Howie Schneider

I HAD A DATE WITH A WRITER LAST NIGHT. REALLY..

WHAT KIND OF STUFF DOES HE DO? EVERYTHING HE SAYS...

BUT IT WAS ALL ROMANTIC FICTION LAST NIGHT.

B.C.

By Johnny Hart

ID LIKE TO RETURN THIS "PIZZA TO GO WITH EVERYTHING".

WHAT'S WRONG WITH IT?

IT DOESN'T GO WITH MY LIVING ROOM DRAPES.

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MY DOG HAS THE TOTAL RUN OF OUR HOUSE.

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MARMADUKE

By Brad Anderson

"Marmaduke's in my bed. How did you get him out of yours?"

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By Larry Wright

THANK GOODNESS SHE WAS NEVER DECLAWED!

ALLEY OOP

By Dave Graue

THIS IS PERFECT, MARGARET! NOW MOVE US AHEAD OF 'EM! EASY DOES IT!

THEY'RE SITTING DUCKS UP THERE. SLICK! HURRY IT UP!

I CAN SEE THAT, STUPID! GIMME A COUPLE MORE SECONDS!

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By Bill Watterson

WHY IS THIS SNOWMAN LOOKING AT A SNOWBALL?

HE'S CONTEMPLATING SNOWMAN EVOLUTION.

OBVIOUSLY, IF HE EVOLVED FROM A SNOWBALL, IT RAISES TOUGH THEOLOGICAL QUESTIONS FOR HIM.

LIKE THE MORALITY OF THROWING ONE'S PRECURSORS AT SOMEONE?

SURE, AND WHAT ABOUT SHOVELING ONE'S GENETIC MATERIAL OFF THE WALK?

PEANUTS

By Charles M. Schulz

THIS IS RIDICULOUS! I'M LIKE A TURTLE! I CAN'T GET UP!

I COULD LIE HERE ALL WINTER...

MAYBE SOMEONE WILL COME ALONG, AND HELP ME..

DO YOU MIND IF I PLAY THROUGH?

GARFIELD

By Jim Davis

OW! OW! OW! OW!

JON HAS A NEW SHIRT

OW! OW! OW! OW!

HE'S ALWAYS LIKE THAT TILL HE FINDS ALL THE PINS

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Success in your affairs is indicated today, provided you look out for the interest of those with whom you're involved as well as your own. Being self-serving reduces your probabilities. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You could be luckier than usual today in situations over which you have no direct control than those you personally manage. Don't get in the way of things that are running smoothly.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) An old relationship should not be allowed to suffer today because of your enthusiasm for someone new. In fact, tried and true pals should be given precedence over new acquaintances.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Conditions look favorable today for both your financial and career affairs. Knowing and operating where you are most effective could make this a rewarding day.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) If you meet either triumph or disaster today, treat these two situations equally. Success in your affairs is indicated if you view life from a philosophical perspective.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Financial indicators look favorable for you today, especially in a situation which you consider a second source of earnings. It looks like you will be able to tie down an elusive arrangement.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Your methods for doing things are likely to be faster and more effective than the procedures of people you'll associate with today. However, for best results, don't move too rapidly.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) In order to be successful in material ways today, you must have clearly defined objectives to focus on. Once you know where you want to go, you should have no trouble getting there.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) People you're involved with today aren't apt to be as lucky as you are. This is why it is important that you handle the critical assignments yourself instead of delegating them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Several matters you haven't been unable to finalize to your satisfaction can be dealt with effectively today, provided you make them your top priorities. Keep your desired end result in mind at all times.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Owing to your ability to see the brighter side of unexpected developments, you won't be overwhelmed by any surprises today. You will know that what seems difficult is manageable.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) It is to your advantage to be a trifle stiff-necked in business matters today. Don't ask for more than you deserve, but don't accept less than what you're entitled.

War veteran pleads innocent to sexual assault of woman

FORT BLISS (AP) — A military judge has rejected a venue change for the trial of an Army Reserve sergeant who has pleaded innocent to sexually assaulting a female soldier in Saudi Arabia.

Col. Herbert Green ruled Thursday that jury selection for the court-martial of Sgt. 1st Class David Martinez would begin Feb. 18 and that the court-martial would start the week of March 1.

But he said that could change if a military appeals court fails to rule by Feb. 18 on his earlier decision to throw out a confession by Martinez. The defense contends the confession was psychologically coerced.

Martinez, 42, of Albuquerque, N.M., is charged with one count of forcible sodomy, one count of indecent assault and four counts of falsifying official statements in an incident involving Jacqueline Ortiz, 28, of Sapello, N.M.

The two served in the same reserve unit, which was on active duty in Operation Desert Storm. Ms. Ortiz, who was under Martinez's command, has since left the military.

Green ruled at Thursday's final pre-trial hearing that media coverage did not warrant moving the court-

martial from the El Paso area. But he did say he would reconsider his ruling when the jury was being selected if potential jurors appeared to have been influenced by the coverage.

"It seems to me that the media coverage in El Paso is generally factual reporting," Green said after perusing some 200 news articles and summaries of television reports compiled by a media analyst hired by the defense.

The analyst, Larry Trejo of El Paso, said the case had been much publicized in New Mexico, El Paso and nearby communities and in Mexico.

"There is unfortunately a purient interest in stories like this that have to do with sex or sexual misconduct," Trejo said.

Green ordered a July 1992 issue of Time magazine removed from the court's witness room when Trejo testified that it contained an article that mentioned Martinez's case.

Green had ruled last year that Martinez's confession that he forced Ms. Ortiz to have sex with him had been psychologically coerced. But prosecutors appealed.

The appeals court recently asked Green to give the legal reasons why

he threw out the confession, which Green said he mailed to the appeals court Wednesday.

Green did not list his reasons in the hearing, and Fort Bliss court officials declined later to disclose them because the appeal is under the jurisdiction of the Army Military Court of Review in Falls Church, Va.

Ms. Ortiz attended Thursday's hearing but had been instructed not to speak to the media by government attorneys. A private attorney, Henry Holzer of Santa Fe, N.M., said Ms. Ortiz is training for a telemarketing job.

Martinez and Ms. Ortiz were members of the Santa Fe-based Delta Company of the 52nd Engineering Battalion in 1991. Ms. Ortiz has accused Martinez of summoning her to his tent in the Saudi desert and forcing her to perform oral sex.

The Army initially concluded the sex was consensual and reprimanded both Martinez and Ms. Ortiz. The Army reopened the case in 1992 at the urging of Rep. Bill Richardson, D-N.M.

Martinez was charged in 1992, two days after Ms. Ortiz testified before Congress that her attempts to report the attack were ignored.



(AP Photo) Sgt. 1st Class David Martinez of Albuquerque, N.M., walks to court for a final pre-trial hearing Thursday at Fort Bliss. Martinez pleaded innocent to sexually assaulting a female soldier during the Persian Gulf War.

Clinton set to ease limits on abortion counseling

WASHINGTON (AP) — With President Clinton set to ease federal restrictions on abortion counseling, abortion rights activists find themselves on the presidential side of this fight for the first time in a dozen years.

But anti-abortion forces were pressing ahead with their annual protest march today, with tens of thousands of participants expected.

Today is the 20th anniversary of the Supreme Court's landmark Roe vs. Wade decision that legalized abortion.

Perhaps no policy change will so mark the difference in administrations as the abortion issue, and for one of his first acts as president, Clinton has chosen to revoke restrictions on abortion counseling at federally funded clinics.

"It's been such a long, difficult road the last 12 years to try and protect this freedom," said Kate Michelman, president of the National Abortion Rights Action League. "I'm not naive enough to believe that our work is done, and I worry that people will become complacent because we have elected a pro-choice president. But just think — it

could have been George Bush. At least we have the chance to move forward."

Abortion protesters, who now find themselves without White House backing for the first time since President Reagan took office in 1981, are determined to press on with their struggle. Police expected at least 50,000 of them to make their annual march from the White House to the Supreme Court.

"We are not going to be intimidated, and we will go right to the gates of the White House to continue to fight for children's lives," said the Rev. Patrick Mahoney, director of the Christian Defense Coalition.

The National Organization for Women planned an abortion rights vigil on the Capitol steps for late today.

Abortion opponents already were out in force Thursday. Nine were arrested in Washington as protesters staged a blockade at one clinic and held a prayer vigil outside the Planned Parenthood headquarters.

Anti-abortion leaders say they hope their new opposition in the White House will only energize their cause.

"Most Americans are still very uncomfortable with abortion on demand," said Gary Bauer, president of the conservative Family Research Council and a former Reagan White House official.

The abortion rights faction, however, is happy that the White House finally sees things their way.

"It was so frustrating over the past few years," Michelman said, "because it was clear the majority of Americans were pro-choice, but the power to dictate personal decisions

was in the hands of the president and the Supreme Court."

In actuality, suspension of the regulation labeled a "gag rule" by opponents, will have more a symbolic than a practical effect.

One of the ironies of the pitched political battle over family planning is that on Election Day, as President Bush was being voted out of office, a federal court issued an injunction preventing the Department of Health and Human Services from enforcing the restriction.

Early study shows high U.S. exposure to tobacco smoke

ATLANTA (AP) — Scientists conducting a large federal study of exposure to tobacco smoke were surprised to find signs of nicotine in all 800 of the first people tested, whether they smoked or not.

"We really weren't expecting that," Dr. James Pirkle of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Thursday.

The CDC is testing 23,000 Americans over age 4 for cotinine, a byproduct of nicotine found in the blood. The first 800 tested all showed some cotinine.

The preliminary results came two weeks after the Environmental Protection Agency labeled secondhand smoke a carcinogen and said it kills about 3,000 nonsmokers a year from lung cancer alone. Critics have said the EPA failed to document how many people are exposed to secondhand smoke and at what levels.

"What we're doing will meet that objection head-on," Pirkle said. "We have a very sensitive method of measuring exposure that separates active from passive smoke. It will allow us to figure out the extent of the problem using an objective measure — that's a pretty rare thing."

In contrast, many earlier studies relied on participants to describe their exposure to smoke.

People with more than 10 to 15 nanograms of cotinine per milliliter of blood serum are usually smokers or use nicotine patches or gum, the CDC said. Levels below 10 to 15 nanograms indicate a person has breathed secondhand smoke. A nanogram is a billionth of a gram.

The 800, ages 4 to 91, had levels that ranged from less than 0.1 to 650 nanograms.

"In smaller studies, researchers haven't been able to find cotinine in about 20 or 30 percent of the people," Pirkle said. "It could be that we're using a much more sensitive method to measure cotinine."

The CDC wouldn't give the breakdown of smokers and nonsmokers in the 800.

The CDC seldom releases such preliminary data but did so on Thursday because it wanted Americans to know it was working to answer questions the EPA report raised, Pirkle said. The study, which started in 1988, ends next year.

Study participants are also being given questionnaires that will help pinpoint how nonsmokers with high cotinine levels were exposed, such as by smoking spouses, co-workers or smoke-filled rooms.

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